



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sylvie Veriac et al.

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For: REAGENT FOR
DETERMINATION OF
LEUCOCYTES AND
MEASUREMENT OF
HAEMOGLOBIN IN A SAMPLE
OF BLOOD

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice as to its readmission and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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12. (Amended) A single reagent for the simultaneous determination of total leucocytes, and basophile polymorphonuclear leucocytes, and for the measurement of hemoglobin in a sample of blood, said reagent comprising:

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a buffer suitable to adjust and maintain the pH to a value lower than 3;
at least one cationic detergent;
a nitrogenous compound; and further comprising
the absence of cyanic compounds.